

Science Advisor (Interdisciplinary)

OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH

2 vacancies in the following locations:

- 📍 Naples, Italy
- 📍 Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan

Work Schedule is Full Time - Temporary

Opened Monday 10/24/2016
(1 day(s) ago)

🕒 Closes Wednesday 11/23/2016
(29 day(s) away)

Salary Range

\$102,646.00 to \$133,444.00 / Per Year

Series & Grade

GS-0401, 0801, 1301, 1515, 1520, 1550-15/15

Supervisory Status

No

Who May Apply

Current Permanent Federal Employees in the Competitive Service, VEOA, ICTAP, Reinstatement eligible applicants and those eligibles for overseas spouse/family member preference and additional status applicants as described in the others section of this announcement

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Job Summary

The Navy and Marine Corps team offers innovative, exciting and meaningful work linking military and civilian talents to achieve our mission and safeguard our freedoms. Department of the Navy provides competitive salaries, comprehensive benefits, and extensive professional development and training. From pipefitters to accountants, scientists to engineers, doctors to nurses-the careers and opportunities to make a difference are endless. Civilian careers-where purpose and patriotism unite!

To learn more about the living and working conditions at this military installation go to:

<http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>

There is a need to fill 2 Office of Naval Research (ONR) Science Advisor (SA) positions. SAs typically serve a 1 year tour, extendible to a total of 3 years, and remain on the roles of their home activity. SAs serve on the staff of a major joint, Navy, or Marine Corps command; assist and advise the host Commander and staff in the identification of Warfighting Capability Gaps that have a critical impact on combat readiness; and serve as the primary interface between the command and the RDT&E community in finding and implementing solutions. As a Science Advisor, you must have a specific understanding of the current DoN S&T planning and experimentation process to focus on transition of technology. Positions require a TS/SCI security clearance and the ability to go into the field. Typically, 20-40% of the Science Advisor's time will be spent on travel. If the selectee's home activity participates in a Personnel Demonstration Project, the selectee would remain under their activity's Personnel Demonstration Project. Selectees may serve on a temporary reassignment or temporary promotion depending on their qualifications.

These positions are interdisciplinary positions at the GS-15 (or payband equivalent) that may be filled in any of the following occupational series:

0401-Biological Sciences; 0801-Engineering; 1301-Physical Sciences, 1515-operations Research, 1520-Mathematics, 1550-Computer Science.

The salary range listed above reflects base pay only. Selectees may be placed in any location based on the needs of the command.

A command endorsement letter is required to be considered for a Science Advisor position. Letters should be addressed to Mr. Thomas Gallagher to include the following statements: why the applicant should be considered; short summary of what the candidate will bring to the job; and a statement agreeing that upon successful completion of the assignment, the selectee will be returned to a position of equivalent or greater responsibility as the one he/she left. The command endorsement letter **MUST** be signed by a TD/CO to be considered for this position.

For a sample endorsement letter, please contact Christine Guzman: Christine.guzman.ctr@navy.mil or 703-696-5044

Letters are due to ONRG no later than November 16th, 2016.

Letters should be mailed to:

ONRG, One Liberty Place

875 N. Randolph St, Suite 1426

Arlington, VA 22303-11995

Attn: OLC Room 1426

Letters can be e-mailed to: Christine.guzman.ctr@navy.mil

Duties

The following two positions are 2 year appointments, extendable to 3 years.

*Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet, (C7F), Yokosura, Japan. The SA is concerned with programs relating to all aspects of joint and naval warfare. This encompasses all technical aspects of weapons, sensors, platforms and systems. Requires experience in R&D work related to command ship technologies and their integration, C4I systems, integrated air and missile defense, joint strike operations, anti-submarine warfare, mine warfare, information operations, electronic warfare, and fleet and joint experimentation. (Sea duty required up to 30%; up to 60% time spent on travel and operational commitments.)

*Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet, (C6F), Naples, Italy. The SA is concerned with programs relating to all aspects of joint and naval warfare. Encompasses all technical aspects of ship, submarine, aircraft, and stand-alone Navy and Marine Corps weapon and sensor platforms and systems. The scope of the work can range from the enhanced utilization of existing equipment in the Fleet, to initiation of research projects leading to eventual development of new systems for the Fleet. This position requires experience in research and development work related to ship, submarine, and/or aircraft systems. (Sea duty required.)

*Denotes Emergency Essential

Travel Required

- 25% or Greater
- Travel is dependent upon position description and availability of funds

Relocation Authorized

- Yes
- Relocation expenses may be authorized in accordance with applicable regulations and available command funding

Key Requirements

- You must be a US Citizen.
- Must be registered for Selective Service, see Legal & Regulatory Guidance.
- Suitable for Federal employment as determined by background investigation.
- Selectee may be required to successfully complete a probationary period.
- This position is a Drug Testing Designated Position (TDP).
- You must obtain and maintain a security clearance.
- Endorsement letter from home Command.

Qualifications

In order to qualify for this position, your resume must provide sufficient experience, knowledge, skills, and abilities, to perform the duties of the specific position for which you are being considered. Your resume is the key means we have for evaluating your skills, knowledge, and abilities, as they relate to this position. Therefore, we encourage you to be clear and specific when describing your experience. **Top candidates have experience with senior-level briefings and negotiations concerning prioritization of technological requirements.**

Your resume must demonstrate at least one year of specialized experience at or equivalent to the next lower grade level (GS-14) or demonstration project level in the Federal Service for which applying. Specialized experience is defined as experience that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled and has equipped you with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities, to successfully perform the duties of the position.

Specialized experience must demonstrate the following: the applicant must have demonstrated experience with a broad spectrum of Naval Warfare areas or systems. This may have been gained through operational Research and Development (R&D), or acquisition program experience.

Additional qualification information can be found from the following Office of Personnel Management web site:

<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.asp>

As part of the application process, you must complete and submit an occupational questionnaire. To preview this questionnaire and determine if your experience matches the skills required for this position, click on the following link: [View Assessment Questions](#).

REQUIREMENTS:

Generally, current Federal employees applying for GS jobs must serve at least one year at the next lower grade level. This requirement is called time-in-grade.

Generally, current Federal employees employed by a Personnel Demonstration Project may be required to meet time-in level based on the demonstration project to which they belong (for most Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratories, STRLs, this is one year at the next lower pay band).

All qualifications and time-in-grade requirements must be met by the closing date of this announcement and clearly documented in your resume.

A Top Secret security clearance is a requirement of this position. Failure to obtain and maintain the required level of clearance may result in the withdrawal of a position offer or removal. If you possess a security clearance, please indicate the level and termination date in your resume. **The required clearance is not required at time of application but is required at time of appointment.**

Successful completion of a pre-employment drug test is required. A tentative offer of employment will be rescinded if the applicant fails to report to the scheduled drug test appointment. Incumbents of drug testing designated positions will be subject to random testing. Drug test results will be provided to the employing activity/command.

Security Clearance

Top Secret/SCI

What To Expect Next

When the application process is complete, your application will be reviewed to determine if you meet the hiring eligibility and qualification requirements listed in this announcement. You will be rated based on the information provided in your resume and responses to the questionnaire, along with your supporting documentation to determine your level of knowledge, skill, and ability, related to the job requirements.

Priority consideration will be given to military spouse preference and family member preference eligible applicants residing in the commuting area of the duty location for these positions. Commuting area is defined as the geographic area surrounding the duty location in which people can reasonably be expected to travel back and forth daily.

Military Spouses and Family Members may apply 30 days before their anticipated arrival date. However, they will not receive preference until arrival at the foreign location. Additional documentation may be required prior to granting preference.

Military Spouses and Family Members who are appointed may not extend longer than 2 months following the transfer of the sponsor from the commuting area of the foreign duty station; 2 months beyond the separation of the appointee's sponsor; or any time beyond the time employee ceases to be a family member.

Best qualified applicants will be referred to the hiring manager. The selecting official may choose to conduct interviews, and once the selection is made, you will receive a notification of the decision.

Stay informed of changes to your application status by signing up for automatic email alerts at:
<https://my.usajobs.gov/Account/NotificationSettings.aspx>.

BENEFITS

Department of the Navy offers a [comprehensive benefits package](#) that includes, in part, paid vacation, sick leave, holidays and a 401K-type retirement plan.

In the overseas areas, access for civilian employees and their families to military medical and dental treatment facilities is on a space-available and reimbursable basis only. Medical care may be provided by host nation providers. The availability and level of care at host nation medical facilities will vary by location. Movement overseas may require you to initiate a change in your health benefits plan to ensure coverage. For positions in a foreign country, that country's laws or international agreements may have a direct impact on an employee's same sex domestic partner or spouse to accompany the employee and receive certain benefits. If you believe you may be affected by these laws and agreements, you should familiarize yourself with relevant information before applying for or accepting this position.

<http://cpol.army.mil/library/permis/2801ss.html>

Other Information

ONR Global's website: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/en/Science-Technology/ONR-Global.aspx>

Selectee is required to participate in the Department of Defense direct deposit or pay program.

This announcement may be used to fill additional vacancies in various locations. Selectees may be placed in any location based on the needs of the command.

For those applicants located outside of the commuting area, a service agreement may be negotiated in accordance with the Joint Travel Regulation and applicable Department of the Navy policies.

A tentative offer of employment will be rescinded if the selectee fails to meet the pre-employment requirements, including failure to report to any of the scheduled appointments.

The Department of the Navy uses E-Verify to confirm the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees. To learn more about E-Verify, including your rights and responsibilities, visit www.dhs.gov/E-Verify.

Selectee must be able to satisfy the requirements of the 26Jul12 DODI 1400.25 V1230:

<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/140025v1230.pdf>

Civilian employment in the competitive service in foreign areas shall be limited to a period of 5 continuous years unless interrupted by at least 2 years of physical presence in the United States or a non-foreign area.

For more Foreign Overseas recruitment information:

http://www.secnav.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/Overseas_Recruitment_information_Foreign.pdf

ICTAP Applicants: To be considered well-qualified and exercise selection priority as an ICTAP candidate, displaced Federal employees must satisfy all qualification requirements for the position and receive a rating of 85 or higher. For more

information about ICTAP eligibility please review the following link:

http://www.secnav.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/ICTAP_Statement.pdf

Veteran's Preference Information: http://www.secnav.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/Vet_%20Preference_Statement.pdf

Current Perm Federal Civilian Employee:

http://www.secnav.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/Current_Perm_Fed_Civ_Emp.pdf

Overseas Family Member Preference:

http://www.secnav.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/Overseas_Fam_Member_Pref_Eligible.pdf

Overseas Military Spouse Preference:

http://www.secnav.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/Mil_Spouse_Pref_Statement.pdf

Reinstatement Eligible: http://www.secnav.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/Reinstatement_Eligible.pdf

Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act (VEOA):

http://www.secnav.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/VEOA_Eligible.pdf

Veteran's Recruitment Act (VRA): http://www.secnav.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/VRA_Eligible.pdf

Before applying, speak to the Program Manager linked with ONR Global at your command, regarding your eligibility to apply. If you do not know who your PM is at your command, please email: Christine.guzman.ctr@navy.mil to find out who that person is. Applicants MUST have a command endorsement letter signed by a TD/CO to be considered for this position. See job summary section for more on the endorsement letter.

If you are applying to this position under the Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement Act (IPA), please contact Mr. Thomas Gallagher, Program Director at Thomas.gallagher@navy.mil or 703-696-6815

NOTE: If you wish to be considered for Science Advisor positions located in the Continental United States (CONUS) you must apply to announcement number NE7XXX-15-1821099K9XXXXXX. If you do not apply to the announcements for the CONUS positions, you will not be considered for them.

To begin the process, click the **Apply Online** button to create an account or log in to your existing USAJOBS account. Follow the prompts to complete the occupational questionnaire. Please ensure you click the **Submit My Answers** button at the end of the process.

To apply for this position, you must provide a complete Application Package which includes:

- Complete Resume
- Complete Assessment Questionnaire [View Occupational Questionnaire](#)

- Other supporting documentation as required Please see the "**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**" section and review the applicant checklist link to determine if there are other documents you are required to submit

Failure to submit a complete application, resume, assessment questionnaire, and all supporting documents by 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time EST on Wednesday, November 23, 2016, may result in an ineligible rating and loss of consideration. Please follow all instructions carefully as missing application information will not be requested.

If more than one resume is received, only the last resume received and processed will be reviewed.

If you upload your documents, **do not fax** the same documents.

Note: To check the status of your application or return to a previous or incomplete application, log into your USAJOBS account: <https://mydon.usajobs.gov/Account/Login> select Application Status, and click on the more information link under the application status for this position.

If you are unable to apply online or unable to upload your supporting documents follow the directions located at: http://www.secnave.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/Application_Info_How_to_Apply_via_Fax.pdf

This Vacancy ID is 1831495

Do not email or send hard copy resumes/applications to the Contact Information or Agency Information listed in this vacancy announcement. All resumes/applications received at the addresses listed in the Contact Information or Agency Information will be destroyed and will not be considered for this vacancy announcement.

****It is the applicant's responsibility to verify that all information in their resume and documents, whether uploaded or faxed, are received, legible, and accurate. HR will not modify answers/documents submitted by an applicant.****

How You Will Be Evaluated

When the application process is complete, we will review your resume to ensure you meet the hiring eligibility and qualification requirements listed in this announcement. You will be rated based on the information provided in your resume and responses to the ***Occupational Questionnaire***, along with your supporting documentation to determine your ability to demonstrate the following knowledge, skills and abilities/competencies:

1. Science and Technology (S&T) Networking
2. Department of Navy S&T Process
3. Concept Development
4. Communication

If, after reviewing your resume and supporting documentation, a determination is made that you inflated your qualifications and/or experience, your score may be adjusted to more accurately reflect your abilities or you may be found ineligible/not qualified.

Please follow all instructions carefully. Errors or omissions may affect your rating or consideration for employment.

You are required to document in your application package evidence that supports your eligibility and qualification claims. The evidence required is listed with each eligibility question asked. You are strongly encouraged to upload the applicable documents for your eligibility and qualification claims with your application package. These documents will assist the staffing specialist in determining your eligibility and qualifications, but are not required at the time of application. If you do not upload the suggested documents, then you must document in your application package the information needed to determine your eligibility. If selected, these documents will be requested at the time of tentative job offer to verify eligibility and qualifications. You will have 5 business days to submit these documents before a job offer is rescinded.

You are required to submit supporting documentation to support any claims for preference in referral or hiring. This includes applicants claiming military spouse or family member preference, applicants claiming veteran's preference and applicants claiming ICTAP. The supporting documents required are listed with each eligibility question asked.

The documents you are required to submit vary based on what authority you are using to apply (i.e., applying as a veteran, applying as a current permanent Federal employee, applying as a reinstatement, etc). Please review the following link to see if there are any documents you need to provide: http://www.secnnav.navy.mil/donhr/Documents/CivilianJobs/ApplicantChecklist_Merit.pdf



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